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SUBJECT: LOS: REGIONAL TUNA MEETING

1. CHAIRMAN GALINDO-POHL NOTIFIED US EARLY AM MARCH 8
THAT HE HAD CANCELLED REGIONAL TUNA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
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MARCH 8-12 IN NEW YORK. GALINDO-POHL STATED THAT LATE FRI-

DAY, 5 MARCH, HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH ECUADOR AND PERU THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING "DUE TO SHORTAGES OF PERSONNEL." UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE FELT IT BEST TO CANCEL THE MEETING.

2. GALINDO-POHL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GOE AND GOP PROBLEMS MAY IN FACT BE SUBSTANTIVE, SINCE THEY HAD EARLIER INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED US TO CONSULT PRIVATELY TO ENSURE TUNA EFFORT DOES NOT FOUNDER. FYI: DEPT HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT GALINDO-POHL INTENDS TO RESIGN IN VERY NEAR FUTURE AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE II IN LOS CONFERENCE. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DEPT OFFICIAL, AMB. CARDENAS OF ECUADOR SPECULATED THAT GALINDO-POHL MAY HAVE CANCELLED THE MEETING HIMSELF FOR THIS REASON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: QUITO AND LIMA: EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL AND DETERMINE HOST GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE TOWARD CONVENING ANOTHER MEETING AT EARLY TIME IN NEW YORK SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE.

4. ACTION MEXICO: REQUEST APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT OUTLINED PARA 3 TO DETERMINE IF MEXICAN OFFICIALS AWARE IN ADVANCE OF GOE AND GOP MOVES, AND MEXICAN ATTITUDE AS TO POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING ANOTHER MEETING AT EARLY TIME.

5. EMBASSIES SHOULD INDICATE USG DESIRE TO CONTINUE INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE TUNA ISSUE. FYI: DEPT ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT REPS OF ECUADOR, PERU, AND MEXICO IN NEW YORK TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH. END FYI. KISSINGER

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